

[34] FIG. 2B is a top view showing a universal electrode 250 according to another embodiment of the invention. In one embodiment, the universal electrode 250 comprises a conductive adhesive or hydrogel layer 260 and a foil layer 270 having an opening 280 disposed therein. Such an electrode is described in detail in U.S. Patent 6,694,193 Application No. ~~09/***serial no.***~~, entitled "Medical Electrode and Release Liner Configurations Facilitating Packaged Electrode Characterization," filed on September 14, 2001, which is commonly owned and incorporated herein by reference. In a manner analogous to the universal electrode 200 of FIG. 2A, the universal electrode 250 of FIG. 2B may be smaller than a standard adult electrode.